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Testimony of The Connecticut Audubon Society regarding SB 10, An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations Regarding Climate Change

The Connecticut Audubon Society would like to express our strong support for SB 10 “An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations Regarding Climate Change.” Climate change is an over-arching threat to Connecticut’s birds, other wildlife and their habitats. Section 2 of this proposed legislation would codify the targets set forth in the Governor’s Executive Order 3 to require a statewide zero carbon electric sector by 2040. Many other states are expected to, adopt similar goals. These states include California, Hawaii, Maine, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Washington, and Rhode Island, along with the District of Columbia. We would also like to express our strong support for Section 3, which provides procurement authority for up to 300,000 megawatt hours of energy storage, demand response, and energy efficiency. Efficiency is a key component of our efforts to reduce our carbon emissions in Connecticut. Taken together these changes would have a drastic mitigating impact on our carbon emissions in Connecticut.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide input to this important proposal today.

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Executive Director

Founded in 1898, the Connecticut Audubon Society is an independent organization that conserves Connecticut’s environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state’s bird populations and habitats. We own and manage 20 preserves covering almost 3,300 acres in all areas of the state, and we work with landowners to help them manage their land for the benefit of birds and other wildlife.